

The background is a stylized illustration of an ocean. It features two main wave patterns: a larger, more complex wave at the top and a simpler, layered wave at the bottom. The top wave has white foam and is surrounded by numerous small white bubbles. The bottom wave is composed of several horizontal layers of yellow and orange, suggesting sand or a layered seabed, with white foam at its crest. A small, light blue seashell is visible on the right side of the image. The overall color palette is dominated by various shades of blue, with accents of white, yellow, and orange.

# HOW THE TIDES CHANGED

HOW AND WHY POSEIDON HAS CHANGED OVER TIME

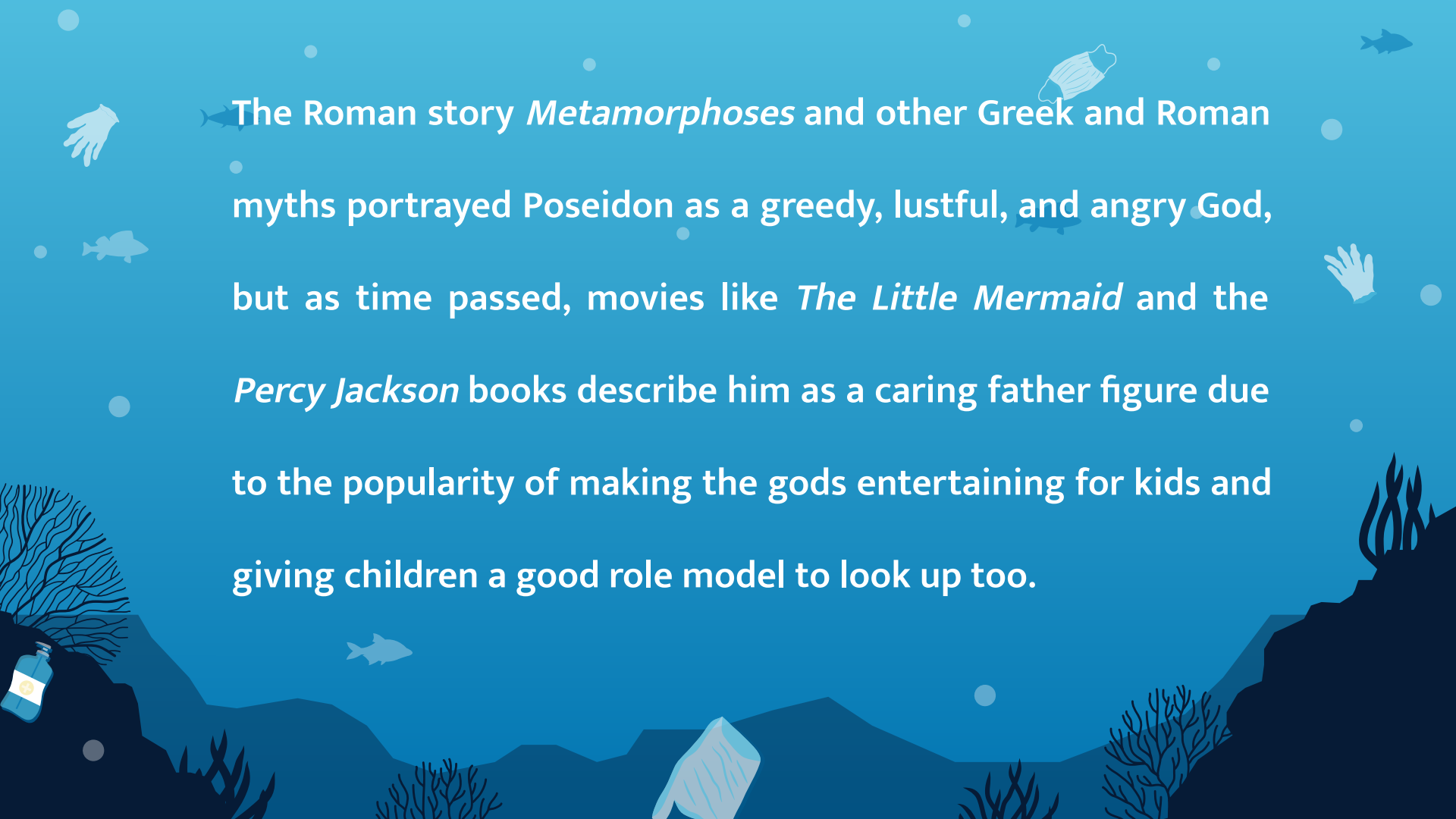
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# ARGUMENT

THESIS

The background is a solid blue color representing water. It is decorated with various white and light blue elements: small circles representing bubbles, stylized fish of different shapes and sizes, and intricate coral reef structures along the bottom edge. Some of the coral resembles sea anemones or branching corals. There are also some white, glove-like shapes floating in the water.

→ The Roman story *Metamorphoses* and other Greek and Roman myths portrayed Poseidon as a greedy, lustful, and angry God, but as time passed, movies like *The Little Mermaid* and the *Percy Jackson* books describe him as a caring father figure due to the popularity of making the gods entertaining for kids and giving children a good role model to look up too.



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# WHO IS POSEIDON?

A BRIEF DESCRIPTION

# POSEIDON- THE GOD OF THE SEA

- Poseidon is the son of Cronus. He helped defeat his father during the Titanomachy.
- Poseidon, Zeus, and Hades all drew straws to pick the domains they would rule. Hades rules the Underworld, Zeus rules the heavens and gods, and Poseidon rules the sea.

- Poseidon is commonly seen as an angry and lustful God.
- Poseidon is also the God of horses and earthquakes.
- He is commonly depicted as a strong man.
- Poseidon's Roman name is Neptune.



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# ORIGINAL MYTH

*METAMORPHOSES* BOOK IV (A.S. KLINE'S VERSION) BY OVID  
BK IV:753-803 PERSEUS TELLS THE STORY OF MEDUSA

# POSEIDON- *METAMORPHOSES*

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## WHAT?

Perseus tells the story of Medusa to many other gods and goddesses.

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## POSEIDON'S ROLE

Neptune (Poseidon) is said to have, "violated her" (Medusa) in Minerva's (Athena's) temple.

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## HOW DOES THIS RELATE TO THE THESIS?

*Metamorphoses* shows how lustful and greedy Poseidon was to the Greeks and Romans.



# 04

## CLASSICAL ARTWORK

K2.3 POSEIDON & POLYBOTES, A PAINTING FROM THE CLASSICAL PERIOD



# POSEIDON & POLYBOTES

In Ancient Greece, artists depicted Poseidon as a violent and overall superior man; the painting K2.3 *Poseidon & Polybotes*, a painting from the Classical period, shows just how scary Poseidon can be.

- This painting is part of a vase that continues to depict the War Against the Gods. Polybotes are one of the creatures that tried and failed to attack Poseidon.
- The painting of Poseidon shows him with his trident and the rock of Nisyro as he gets ready to kill the Polybote that is on the ground.



<https://www.theoi.com/image/K2.3Poseidon.jpg>



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# RENAISSANCE ARTWORK

TRIUMPH OF POSEIDON CA.1515-25 MANNER OF ALVISE OF PADUA

# TRIUMPH OF NEPTUNE

## WHAT?

Poseidon uses dolphins to convince his wife, Amphitrite, to come home.

## CREDIT

<https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/203921>



## RELATION TO THESIS

When the Renaissance came, the most common way of depicting Poseidon was still as a strong and lustful man, but he had a soft spot for his wife, Amphitrite.

## EXTRA

Shortly after the Renaissance, Poseidon's soft spot for Amphitrite stopped showing up in art. Poseidon later cheated on Amphitrite.



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# MODERN SOURCES

*PERCY JACKSON & THE OLYMPIANS + THE LITTLE MERMAID*

# PERCY JACKSON & THE OLYMPIANS

## WHAT?

*Percy Jackson & the Olympians* is a popular book series that's main character is demigod Percy Jackson. The books are written by Rick Riordan.

## POSEIDON'S ROLE

Poseidon is Percy's biological father. He shown to be caring and protective over Percy. He is also described as kind.

## RELATION TO THESIS

As time passed, Greek gods were turned into entertaining characters. Poseidon evolved from a greedy and lustful man, to a kind and caring father because children need good role models to look up too. Parents usually do not let their kids watch shows about rapist men being above all mortals, so creating a new version of Poseidon was the best option.

## CREDIT

[https://movie-heroes-and-villains.fandom.com/wiki/Poseidon \(Percy Jackson\)](https://movie-heroes-and-villains.fandom.com/wiki/Poseidon_(Percy_Jackson))



# *THE LITTLE MERMAID*

## WHAT?

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*The Little Mermaid* is a Disney film that focuses on Ariel, a mermaid who wants to live on the land.

## POSEIDON'S ROLE

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The creators of *The Little Mermaid* stated that King Triton, Ariel's father, is based upon Poseidon. King Triton is a caring father who does not want Ariel to live on land. He tries to protect her by sheltering her in the water. In the end, he does the right thing by letting her go.

## RELATION TO THE THESIS

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King Triton, a modern depiction of Poseidon, is the powerful ruler of the sea just like he was during the Greek and Roman period. Instead of being lustful and greedy, he is a caring father who tries too hard to protect his daughter. Poseidon became this caring father figure due to children needing good role models to look up to instead of a lustful and angry man.

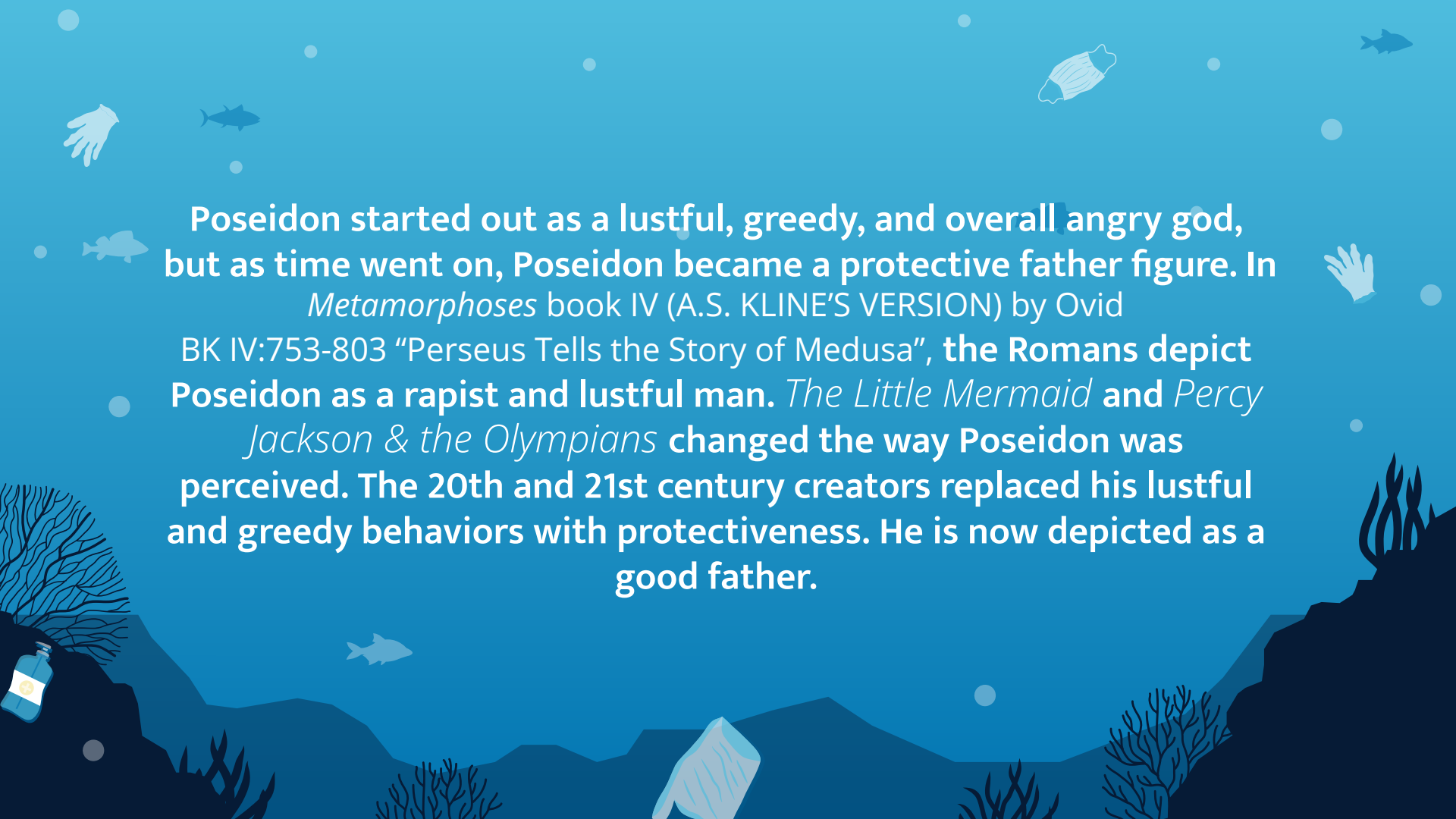


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**HOW HAS POSEIDON CHANGED?**

The background is a solid blue color representing water. There are several small white circles of varying sizes scattered throughout, representing bubbles. In the top left, there is a white outline of a hand. In the top right, there is a white outline of a foot. In the bottom left, there is a silhouette of a coral reef with a small white bottle with a yellow label and a blue cap. In the bottom right, there is a silhouette of a coral reef with a small white bottle with a yellow label and a blue cap. In the bottom center, there is a white outline of a hand. In the bottom right, there is a white outline of a foot. In the bottom left, there is a silhouette of a coral reef with a small white bottle with a yellow label and a blue cap. In the bottom right, there is a silhouette of a coral reef with a small white bottle with a yellow label and a blue cap.

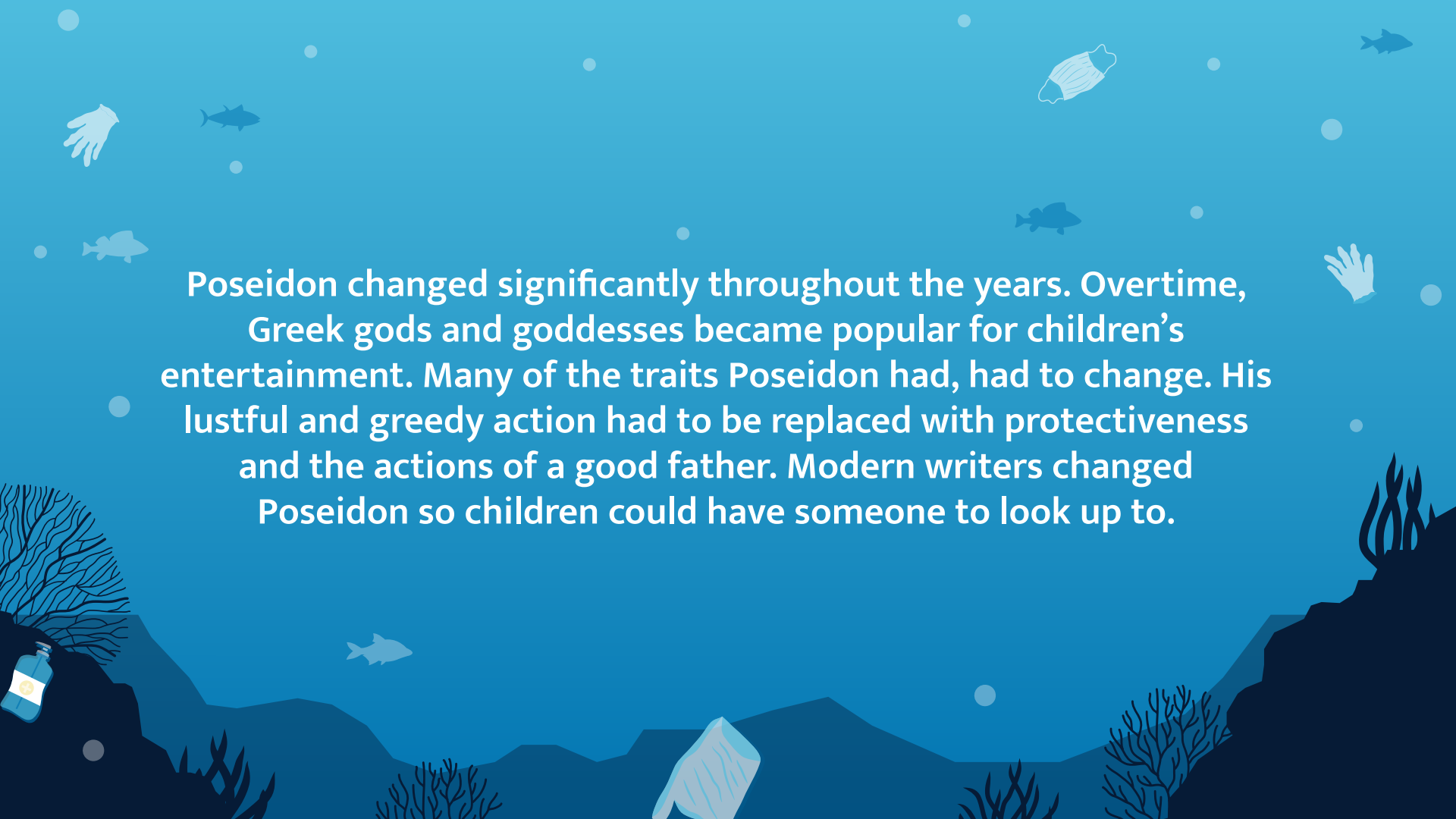
Poseidon started out as a lustful, greedy, and overall angry god, but as time went on, Poseidon became a protective father figure. In *Metamorphoses* book IV (A.S. KLINE'S VERSION) by Ovid BK IV:753-803 "Perseus Tells the Story of Medusa", **the Romans depict Poseidon as a rapist and lustful man.** *The Little Mermaid* and *Percy Jackson & the Olympians* **changed the way Poseidon was perceived.** The 20th and 21st century creators replaced his lustful and greedy behaviors with protectiveness. He is now depicted as a good father.





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**WHY HAS POSEIDON CHANGED?**

The background is a solid blue color representing water. It is decorated with various white and light blue icons: several small circles representing bubbles, a few stylized fish swimming in different directions, and two white gloves floating in the upper half. At the bottom, there are dark blue silhouettes of coral reefs and a rocky seabed. A small, light blue bottle with a yellow and white label is visible on the left side of the bottom edge. A white, crumpled object, possibly a piece of trash or a glove, is on the bottom center.

Poseidon changed significantly throughout the years. Overtime, Greek gods and goddesses became popular for children's entertainment. Many of the traits Poseidon had, had to change. His lustful and greedy action had to be replaced with protectiveness and the actions of a good father. Modern writers changed Poseidon so children could have someone to look up to.



# THANK YOU

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